Procurement of Phalcon Early Warning System

135. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently signed deals on procurement of Phalcon Early Warning System with Israel and Control Radar equipment with Russia;

(b) if so, whether these Phalcon systems from Israel will be mounted on IL-76 Russian madeaircrafts; and

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that Russia has suspended production of IL-76 version and if so, how India propose to use the Phalcon systems contracted with Israel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Principles and Order of Cooperation defining the scope of work and area of responsibility has been signed recently by the Government of India, the Govenrment of the State of Israel and the Government of the Russian Federation, regarding the procurement of Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS). This Memorandum envisages the delivery of the aircraft, complete in all respects, to the Indian Air Force by the prime vendor.

Pension to territorial Army Personnel

136. DR. ALLADI R RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government at any point of time decided to award pension to any category of persons belonging to Territorial Army who had fought the three battles of 1962,1965 and 1971;

(b) whether Government propose to award pension to these person; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Territorial Army personnel who have completed 20 years of aggregate embodied service in case of officers, and 15 years of aggregate embodied service in case of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR), are eligible for

earning pension from Territorial Army. Neither there is a provision to grant pension to any other category personnel including those who fought wars of 1962,1965 and 1971, nor there is any proposal at present, to award pension to such persons.

Vacancies in Coast Guard

137. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRI GIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in the Coast Guard lying vacant during the last five years; year-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage of men and material in Coast Guard is affecting the challenges to internal security posed by the increasing use of sea lanes for terrorists movement, gun running and narcotics smuggling; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to overcome the difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) A statement is attached. (See below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of Vacancies in Coast Guard outing the last five years

The details of vacancies in the Coast Guard lying vacant during the last five years; year-wise and category-wise, are given below:

Officers:

Year	General Duty	Technical	Total
1998	138	46	184
1999	117	41	158
2000	109	37	146
2001	124	41	165
2002	177	62	239